

Weekly Status and Information Report - Week of November 21-25, 2011

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of November 28, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Monday, November 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. (City Clerk)

The Community Center will be Closed: Happy Thanksgiving! The City of Takoma Park will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Library will be open on Saturday, but the Takoma Park Community Center will be closed. The Police Department is always open!

Plan to Shop this Weekend? Saturday, November 26, is Small Business Saturday.

Remember to support local Takoma Park businesses by buying locally on November 26. Of course shopping locally any day is MUCH better than fighting shopping mall traffic! For Small Business Saturday, print out this flyer to get discounts at Maryland Main Street businesses like those in Takoma Park:

<http://www.neighborhoodrevitalization.org/SmallBusiness.pdf>. Also, save some money for Takoma Park's annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, December 10. (Deputy City Manager)

Passport Service: Passport services at the Takoma Park Community Center will not be available on Monday and Tuesday, November 28 - 29 but will be available on Wednesday and Thursday. Passport services are usually provided Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Before coming for service, please call the City's main number at 301-891-7100 to confirm that passport services are available. (Deputy City Manager)

Banned Books Club: The Banned Books Club, for middle school and high school students, meets Monday November 28 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion of "The Sun Also Rises" by Ernest Hemingway. Registration encouraged. (Library)

Reading Group: Don't forget to join the Friends Reading Group for its re-scheduled discussion of "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30 in the Hydrangea Room. All welcome. (Library)

Teens Deliver Food to Capital Area Food Bank: On Tuesday November 22, Takoma Park teens, along with the Man-Up volunteers, delivered canned foods, ten pounds of potatoes, turkeys, and two sacks of onions to the Capital Area Food Bank in Washington D.C. Fourteen teens took part in delivering the items to the food bank where they will be distributed on Thanksgiving. (Recreation)

Kidz City has the Thanksgiving Spirit: On Tuesday, November 22, Kidz City participants had their annual Thanksgiving party. Great fun was had by all! (Recreation)

Safety for Seniors: Officer Carla Magnaye, of the Takoma Park Police Department,

presented the second topic in a series of safety presentations to eight Takoma Park seniors on Monday, November 21. This one hour safety presentation covered "Security on the Go." Additional safety presentations are planned for November and December. For more information about the safety series, please call Officer Carla Magnaye at 301-891-7121 or call Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program, at 301-891-7280. (Recreation)

Coaches Meeting Recap (Winter Basketball League): On Tuesday night, 38 coaches participated in the Recreation Department's Winter Basketball League 'Coaches Meeting.' During the meeting, the overall structure of the league was explained; including practices, games, rules, philosophy of the league, and coach's feedback. Instructional 'Coaches Clinics' will take place on Tuesday, December 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. (grades K-2) and 7:30 p.m. (grades 3-8). Please call the Recreation Department for more information 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

Time is Running Out (Winter Basketball League): If you haven't already registered for the 2012 Winter Basketball League, now is the time to do it. For more information on this K - 8th Grade community basketball league visit:
<http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/wbball/index.html> (Recreation)

Police Report: The Police Department continued its Fall Firearm Qualification Program. Also this week, 67 traffic stops were made, as were four Police tows and one arrest from a traffic stop. Crime Reports and Selected Traffic Enforcement information will return next week.

Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!